



2022 MARKS TEN YEARS

of protection, research, and discovery within the marine reserves; over the last decade, the Oregon Marine Reserves have:

- **Conducted** vital research to understand how humans impact marine environments
- **Protected** spawning and nursery habitats for fish and other marine animals
- **Established** collaborative relationships with Oregon's fishing industry
- **Identified** and tracked threats to marine species, including ocean acidification and hypoxia
- **Contributed** to the listing of the Sunflower Sea Star as Critically Endangered
- **Informed** nearshore management practices based on the best available science

And that's just the start! The Marine Reserves help sustain fish populations, protect wildlife, and provide humans with extraordinary places to visit. These efforts protect and support Oregon's native species while informing policy decisions and contributing to the understanding of ocean issues.



OREGON'S MARINE RESERVES

are protected marine areas along Oregon's coast dedicated to conservation and research, created to conserve marine habitats and biodiversity. Ocean development and removal of marine life are prohibited within the reserves, so that researchers can compare undisturbed areas to those impacted by human activities. The first reserves, Otter Rock and Redfish Rocks, were designated in 2012.



Oregon's Marine Reserves were established with three sets of goals:

- **Community** - To avoid adverse impacts to ocean users and coastal communities, such as those dependent on fishing grounds
- **Conservation** - To conserve marine habitats and marine biodiversity
- **Research** - To serve as scientific reference sites, to learn about marine reserves and Oregon's nearshore ocean, and to inform management

Five marine reserves are located on Oregon's coast: **Cape Falcon, Cascade Head, Otter Rock, Cape Perpetua, and Redfish Rocks.**

Otter Rock and Redfish Rocks were designated in 2012, so we are celebrating the 10 year anniversary of Oregon's Marine Reserves!



We encourage you to explore the reserves and witness pristine views into Oregon's nearshore habitats.

When you visit, remember:

- **Keep the Pristine Clean** - if you pack it in, pack it out
- **Stay Safe, Give Space** - for your safety and theirs, give wildlife plenty of space
- **Only Take Photos** - do not collect shells, sand, rocks, plants, or animals from these protected places
- **Celebrate** - the Oregon Marine Reserves

Learn more about the Oregon Marine Reserves at oregonmarinereserves.com